

CLAIMS

1. A message delivery means arranged to accept a message from a message source and deliver it to a message recipient device, comprising a telecommunications system including an Intelligent Network platform including a plurality of applications, each application being stored at a respective Service Control Point within the Intelligent Network platform, the plurality of applications including means to handle received messages and deliver them to the recipient device.
2. A message delivery means as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the message source comprises a mobile telephone, WAP telephone, IP/SIP telephone, Computer, Personal Assistant device, or a dTV.
3. A message delivery means as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 2, wherein the recipient device and/or the message source is a dTV.
4. A message delivery means as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the dTV is connected via a Controller that enables it to be connected to the Intelligent Network platform, by a dial-up modem, DSL, satellite or Cable modem.
5. A message delivery means as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the dTV initiates calling back the message sender using the received Calling Line Identity.

6. A message delivery means as claimed in Claim 5, where the call is set up for the user's fixed line telephone and can be billed on the user's fixed line telephone bill.
7. A message delivery means substantially as hereinbefore described, with reference to and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.
8. A telecommunications system comprising a message source, a message recipient device and an Intelligent Network platform including a plurality of applications, each application being stored at a respective Service Control Point within the Intelligent Network platform, the plurality of applications including a message delivery means arranged to accept a message from the message source and deliver it to the recipient device.
9. A telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 8 wherein the message source comprises a mobile telephone, WAP telephone, IP/SIP telephone, Computer, Personal Assistant device, or a dTV.
10. A telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the recipient device or the source device is a dTV.
11. A telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the dTV is connected via a Controller that enables it to be connected to the

Intelligent Network platform, by a dial-up modem, DSL, satellite or Cable modem.

12. A telecommunications system as claimed in any one of Claims 8 to 11, including means whereby the dTV is used to initiate calling back the message sender using the received Calling Line Identity.
13. A telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 12, where the call is set up for the user's fixed line telephone and can be billed on the user's fixed line telephone bill.
14. A telecommunications system substantially as hereinbefore described, with reference to and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.
15. A message delivery means or a telecommunication system as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the Intelligent network platform includes an application that generates billing information for messages to be treated in the same way as billing information for telephone calls.